

Brilliant Golf Gains Victory For Mrs. Letts

Western Champion Defends Title Successfully Against Miss Rosenthal

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Playing the first half in an unbeatable 40, Mrs. Fred C. Letts, of the Indian Hill Club, Chicago, today gained a lead of three holes and with similar golf on the second nine, handily defeated Miss Elaine Rosenthal, of Ravinia Club, Chicago, 5 and 4 in defense of her title as woman's Western golf champion, at the Floe-nor Country Club.

Miss Rosenthal, who was champion in 1915 and now holds the title of North and South champion, played par golf, except for three holes, but that was not good enough to keep even with the champion.

Mrs. Letts, who as Marjorie Dodd, of Cincinnati, was both a tennis and golf champion several years ago, today only added to several performances of championship calibre during the last two years, beginning with the winning of the Western title at Grand Rapids last summer. She recently won the Chicago championship, competing with substantially the same field as the one she disposed of this week.

In today's contest Mrs. Letts displayed skill with all the shots of the game in addition to an uncanny display of headwork on all doubtful holes. She lost only three holes, the second, the ninth and the eleventh, where she did not get the required distance.

Mrs. E. Gault, of Memphis, champion of Tennessee, won the consolation flight final, defeating Miss Ernestine Pearce, of Chicago, in nineteen holes.

Lehigh Football Games Assured

BETHLEHEM, Penn., Sept. 1.—Lehigh has definitely decided to play football this fall. When practice will begin is still uncertain. At the recent conference at Washington of athletic authorities of the different colleges it was urged that early practice be done away with, and more than likely Lehigh will follow this advice. College will open on September 18.

Interviews with both Coach Tom Keely and H. R. "Boss" Reiter, head of the department of physical education, during the past week reveal the fact that nothing is known of new material. In fact, it was decided that no special efforts would be made to induce boys of athletic ability to enter the institution this year.

The following schedule will be played as arranged, says Mr. Reiter:

Sept. 16—Villanova, at home.
Sept. 23—Lehigh, at home.
Oct. 6—University of Pittsburgh, away.
Oct. 13—Lehigh, at home.
Oct. 20—Lehigh, at home.
Oct. 27—Lehigh, at home.
Nov. 3—Lehigh, at home.
Nov. 10—Lehigh, at home.
Nov. 17—Lehigh, at home.
Nov. 24—Lehigh, at home.

Slow Games Banned In American League

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Ball games in the American League will be speeded up hereafter, according to President Johnson, who has instructed his umpires not to tolerate any unnecessary delays. The order today is the outgrowth of a complaint made by President Comiskey of the Chicago Americans, who said that protests of some managers and players about the condition of the ball in recent games has made it necessary to play two or three more.

President Johnson said he would enforce the rule against the disqualification of the ball, but he has given out no bulletin on the "shine" ball.

Gilbert's Nine to Play

Billy Gilbert, who once played second base for the Giants, will send his team against the Sunsets at Astoria, Ore., tomorrow morning and afternoon. The games will be played at St. Agatha Field, Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue, Bay Ridge.

Boxing News and Notes

The Sweet Singer of Harlem, Signor Joseph Humphries, was in splendid voice at the St. Nicholas Rink on Friday night, when Ted Lewis, Joe Wellington and Frankie Burns galloped through their bouts at Randi Johnston's potpourri of fistic entertainment, and Joe was also as full of bon-mots as a nut is of nut.

While Lewis and Albert Badoud were sitting in their corners, waiting to be properly introduced to the maddening crowd, Humphries turned to Willie Lewis, M. Badoud's trainer, and asked in a stage whisper: "What is he, a Frenchy?"

"Swiss," replied Lewis. "Cheese!" came back Joe, winning the first round easily.

A few minutes later, when the Royal A. C. fighting through Humphries, presented Ted Lewis with a gigantic silver loving cup, Joseph ripped off an earful of "silly camouflage" (stolen from the Combing Tower), and then hefted the cup and handed it to the welter-weight champion with the cheer remark that it was "life size" Lewis winned under the cruel punishment, but recovered in time to keep his engagement with M. Badoud. It was a large evening for Mister Humphries.

A dapper young man in a Prince Albert and trimmings coughed politely and slipped as a card, as the crowd began rising after the final bout. Here's the card:

"Dr. Marty Kline: The Undeclared Bexer Who Is Open to Meet All Comers."

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Bowling Alleys, Billiard Tables, Pool Tables, etc. 23 to 25 West 22d St., Near Broadway.

AUTOMOBILES. FOR SALE: SMART ROADSTER, HANTONOME, 1917, 4-cylinder, 16-horsepower, with extra equipment, including spare tire, etc. \$1,200.00. 23 to 25 West 22d St., Near Broadway.

Real Stars Among America's Tennis Youngsters



Upsets and New Records Mark Games at St. Louis

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BRONDER was handicapped. Bronder's winning throw of 154 feet 1/2 inch, the worst showing he has made in two years. Lincoln was second.

Triumph for Devaney

The spectators were again surprised when Mike A. Devaney, the lanky Milwaukee A. runner, of New York, defeated a fast field in the 800-yard run, his rivals including Lieutenant John W. Overton, of the United States Marines. Devaney set a stiff pace from the gun-fire, and the surprise of it was that Overton, who had been unable to secure any measure, succeeded in defeating Joe Ray for second place. Devaney covered the distance in 1:57, the fastest time he has ever made over the route.

Another Milwaukee athlete to gain laurels was Charles Poles, who led home Villar Kyronen, a clubmate and former title holder, in the five-mile race.

Winners of junior titles on Friday who fared equally as well against their senior rivals were E. Knoures, of the Illinois Athletic Club, who won the pole vault, incidentally beating Marc Wright, the holder of the world's record, and Harold E. Barron, who captured the 120-yard high hurdles in 15 seconds.

Cash Prizes of \$2,500 For Fox Terrier Show

There will be cash prizes aggregating \$2,500 in the regular classes at the two shows of the American Fox Terrier Club on October 9, and at the thirty-fourth annual exhibition of the Danbury Agricultural Society, to be held in connection with the Danbury fair on October 3, 4 and 5.

One of the world's greatest dog experts, J. J. Holgate, of Dorchester, England, will cross the Atlantic by invitation of the American Fox Terrier Club, to be the sole judge at the show and the all-around judge at Danbury.

The American Fox Terrier Club show will be held on the estate of George Steadman Thomas, Hamilton, Mass., on October 9, and the entire net receipts will be given to the American Red Cross.

Chess Wizard Returning

Frank L. Marshall, United States chess champion, is still at his divan for chess and checkers on the Million Dollar Pier at Atlantic City. He will return to New York the latter part of September. Recently an automobile party, headed by J. E. Klock, publisher of "The Kingston Freeman," and S. Bernstein, of the Kingston Chess Club, travelled 200 miles to get Marshall's opinion of a variation in a given chess opening.

Tigers Buy Pitcher

Herb Hall, a right hand pitcher, has been sold to the Detroit Americans by the Joplin Western League team. Hall is classed with the ten leading pitchers in the Western League.

Alexander Would End "Accidents" in Tennis

"Father" of Modern Game Taught Boys How to Play

By Fred Hawthorne

Until two years ago the stars of American lawn tennis were accidents. They just happened. Maurice McLoughlin, the idol of two continents, came from California in 1909 practically unheralded.

Nobody here, in the East, at least, realized that one of the greatest figures on the courts was in the making in the Far West. The genial, red-headed youth, who was later to lower the colors of the late Tony Wilding and of Norman Brookes, the great Victorian, in international matches, was unknown and unloved before he made his debut on Eastern courts.

But "Red Mac" ranked number six in 1909, climbed to number four in 1910 and to number two in 1911, and then for the next three years held supreme sway over all who were brought against him, capping a wonderful career by humbling Brookes and Wilding at Forest Hills in 1914.

Just "Grew Up"

McLoughlin just "grew up" on the asphalt court of his native state, and it was the same way with William M. Johnston, champion of 1915; Robert Lindley Murray, Clarence J. Griffin and Willis E. Davis. They were largely haphazard geniuses of the court, who would have come to the fore under any conditions. It was much the same story with Richard Norris Williams, 2d, present national champion, and others of our prominent Eastern players. They came to the top flights through individual effort.

But while the world was still withering under the first mighty blows struck by Germany in the great war and all international lawn tennis matches were suspended, himself a player of world-wide reputation, started a systematic development of the schoolboy players of the country.

The work that Alexander did in those days may well entitle him to the title of "father of modern American lawn tennis." The Davis Cup veteran planned and personally conducted a series of tournaments for the juniors of the metropolitan district, and as the movement met with success and was greeted with enthusiasm by the coming generation of players, Alexander enlarged upon his original plan and extended his field of operations until the schoolboys' tournaments became a recognized institution in the schedule of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

George Townsend Adee, president of the association, and Julian S. Myrick, president of the West Side Tennis Club, were quick to recognize the value of the work being done by Alexander and aided in every way possible.

Paul B. Williams, field secretary of the association, drew up a schedule of junior and boys' tournaments and established forty-five "tennis centres" in all the principal cities of the United States, and the work of producing future champions of the courts was under full headway during 1917.

Fine Lot of Youngsters

But it was not until the recent great tournament on the West Side Tennis Club's courts at Forest Hills, L. I., that the full value of the movement started two years before by Alexander was appreciated. The junior and boys' tournaments were the only national championships to be awarded this season, and a wonderful lot of youngsters showed up on the opening day of play.

Fourteen juniors and ten boys began the first round of play, every one of these having previously qualified by winning a sectional schoolboy championship. The country was well represented, Marshall Allen coming from as far West as Seattle, Wash., and other youthful prodigies coming from every section of the continent.

It remained for Charles S. Garland, of Pittsburgh, and Vincent Richards, of Yonkers, to come through the fields in junior and boys' tournaments, respectively, thus establishing the claim of supremacy over all their rivals, and well qualified are they to hold the honors.

Garland had proved in many previous tournaments, notably in the national clay court fixture earlier in the season, when he was runner-up to Dr.

Two Promising Youngsters

Paul Conklin and Jack Dudley, two contenders from other cities, attracted favorable comment from competent critics who watched the play of the youngsters closely, and all they require to make them dangerous contenders for higher honors in the years to come is practice and continued tournament experience.

Richards' finished style of play is well worthy of more detailed description. This slender, two-headed youth, still in short trousers, gives the impression of an older player than he is. It is because he has as the little tricks and characteristics of men like Williams, McLoughlin and Karl Behr, among others.

The Yonkers youth can smash free deep down with running backhand like "Red Mac"; he can execute sharp low volleys from just inside the service court with much of the wizard that distinguishes Williams' game, and he prefers to take his chances on the net and then finish off his point with the snap and decisiveness that mark the fiery Behr in action. Vincent's eye for placement shots is abnormally keen and his footwork is of a position with the cunning of an Alexander.

We do not mean to say that the new boy champion possesses the skill to day that Williams, Behr, McLoughlin and Alexander were masters of, but he seems so pliantly rounded that it is only a question of time when he will take rank with the present leaders of the courts.

Keen Struggle in Metropolitan Race

In the Metropolitan District Cricket League there is a keen struggle for supremacy between the Manhattan at Columbia Oval cricket clubs. So far the Manhattan have not lost a game while Columbia Oval, like Brooklyn, has suffered defeat once. The standings follow:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Ties
Manhattan	13	11	2	0	0
Columbia Oval	13	1	12	0	0
Brooklyn	13	1	12	0	0
Ridge Creek	12	1	11	0	0
Pasaden	12	1	11	0	0

Swimming Records May Fall in Honolulu Meet

Ross, Langer, Kahanamoku and Other Stars Will Be Competitors

The annual summer water carnival of the Hawaiian A. A. U. will take place today and to-morrow in Honolulu, and on the programme are two national swimming championships, 100 yards for men and 50 yards for women, besides several other open events for both sexes at longer distances. Judging from recent performances, several American and world's records may be shattered.

Among the mermen who will bid for laurels are Norman Ross, Ludy Langer, Duke Kahanamoku, John Kelly, Clarence Lane and Harold Kruger, all swimmers of international calibre, while the list of girl contestants includes the Misses Bernice Lane, Claire Galligan and Dorothy Burns, mermaids who have already to their credit a number of national standards. Prospects are excellent.

Paul Magee, of the Camden (N. J.) Y. M. C. A., is coming rapidly to the fore as a distance swimmer. His latest victory, in the five-mile race for the Paving Cup, was a remarkable one. He beat the course record by nearly nine minutes.

Miss Thelma Darby, fourteen years old, of the Indianapolis Turn Verein, is making a fine collection of championship trophies this summer. On Monday she lifted two more firsts in the 100 and 220 yard Central A. A. U. title swims for women in Chicago.

The outcome of the national long-distance title swim for men proved a distinct surprise to experts, who had almost unanimously picked Bud Wallen, of Chicago, to win. Instead, the veteran Mike McDermott, of the same city, managed to score a victory after a neck-and-neck fight with John Metzger, of

Details of the one-mile national title swim for women, captured in California by Miss Claire Galligan, of New Rochelle, showed that the 440-year-old swimmer was 4-5 seconds—a good deal better than the actual figures imply. Extremely cold water, a run-in sea and a strong cross tide made conditions about as bad as they could be.

Some idea of the speed displayed by Miss Galligan may be formed from the fact that over the same course Norma Ross couldn't beat 5 minutes 58.4 seconds, although he did 5 min 17.4 seconds in open water last February in Honolulu. This difference of 40.4 seconds for the quarter mile, approximately 2 1/2 minutes at one mile, shows the women's American record for the latter distance stands at 31 minute 19.2 seconds.

Miss Lucy Freeman, of Bath Beach, will attempt to-day to swim the five miles from the Battery to Spuyten Duyvil in the Hudson River.

Cline Knocks Out Burns

Irish Patsy Cline, Harry Pollok contender for the lightweight title, knocked out Frankie Burns, of California, in the main bout at the Fairmont A. C. last night. The end came in the eighth round after a series of rights and lefts to the jaw. Cline knocked his man down once in the second round and twice in the seventh session.

Britton-Griffiths Match Called Off

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 1.—E. C. Conway, chairman of the Akron Boxing Commission, today announced that Jack Britton has cancelled his engagement to fight Johnny Griffiths twelve rounds at Akron Labor Day on account of illness.

An effort is being made to substitute Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul. Griffiths was originally slated for a twenty-round battle against Ted Lewis, welterweight champion.